

Village Board of Aldermen  
**Regularly Scheduled Board of Aldermen  
Meeting Minutes**

Municipal Building, 301 N. Stagecoach Rd.  
Thursday, September 5, 2013 6:00pm

Members present: Danney McCort, Michael McDougal, Shannon Ashe, Hans Fields, Bryan Fritch, Fred Brown

Members Absent:

Others Present: Margaret Murray – Village Secretary, Jack Hensley – Chief of Police, Debbie Charbonneau - Tourism Director, Jim Reed - Village Administrator, citizens: 40

Mayor McCort called the meeting to order at 6:00, quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Larry Sands gave the invocation.

**Citizen Comments:**

Stephen Peters, Address on File, Salado - Recommended that the Board and the Mayor make sure they know the roads in question before they allocate Village funds to fix them.

Dick Darnell, 2200 Indian Trail - Wants to ensure that any tree trimming contract includes instructions that cuts must be painted on all cut oak trees due to the oak wilt.

Lisa Jackens, 555 Pace Park - Concerned as she has approached the city on several occasions to get assistance from village with regard to the trash dumpster by her property. Hoping this will help.

Cathy Sands, 2300 Indian Trail - Citizens need to know why Salado needs a sewer system. She requested that the Village please move forward as soon as possible and work with city administrator to move this year on the sewer system. Also, Pace Park rules (handout was distributed) have worked for many years. We need to consider permitting alcohol on a case by case basis, and person having liquor should have to hire security.

Mary Ann Pechal, 2301 Smith Bluff Road -- Request that the covenants relative to Mill Creek be publicized so that new residents are aware of those.

Brian Sunshine, 926 North Ridge Road - He is opposed to the open air entertainment and alcohol being provided at Johnny's, and believes that it is too close to school property for legal liquor sales. He requested at least another year of provisional permit.

**Proclamation** - A Proclamation naming the week of September 16-23 as Constitution Week was read by Mayor McCort and accepted by Priscilla Alden Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Comments by Rachel Evans.

*Alderman Fields made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes dated August 15. Motion was seconded by Alderman Fritch, motion carried unanimously.*

**Departmental Reports** - *Announcements concerning items of community interest. No action will be taken or discussed.*

**Chief of Police Report:** July Activity Report

**Mayor's Report:** I-35 Construction Schedule update, Lone Star Grading PreCon Meeting for 2013 Street Rehabilitation Project (Old Town, Natasha, Chaparral), RFP for Emergency Generator Installation, Temporary Directional Signage to Assist Visitors, Procedures to Update Planning and Zoning Ordinances

**Alderman's Report:** Update on Sales Tax Income - Alderman Fields

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Tree Trimming Contract

*Alderman Fields made a motion that we accept the bid from Fire at Will to provide Tree Trimming services to the Village. Mayor ProTem Fritch seconded. Motion tied 3 to 3 with Mayor McCort, Mayor ProTem Fritch and Alderman Fields voting for, Alderman McDougal, Alderman Brown and Alderman Ashe voting against. RFP will be written and posted for outside bids, and procedures written for implementation..*

**New Business:**

2. Duties of City Administrator – *Mayor ProTem Fritch made a motion to table this item and discuss in executive session. Alderman McDougal seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Alderman Fields voting against.*
3. Recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission on LaPaloma Subdivision - *Mayor ProTem Fritch made a motion that approval be granted pending the Zoning Board of Adjustment approving a block length variance, and pending and approval of submitted plans. Alderman Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*
4. Selection of Auditing Company for 2012-2013 Financials – *Mayor ProTem Fritch made a motion that we appoint Allman CPA firm to conduct the 2012-2013 financial audit. Alderman Fields seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*
5. Appointment of New Tourism Council Members - *Debbie Charbonneau presented new Tourism Council members, as Eve Fritch (member) and Debbie Lufburrow (alternate). Alderman Ashe made a motion to accept as presented. Alderman Fields seconded. Motion passed 5-1 with Mayor ProTem Fritch abstaining.*
6. Appointment of New Tourism Council Chair and Co-Chair - *Debbie Charbonneau presented new Tourism Council Chair, Larry Prellop, and Co-Chair, Johnny Shipman. Alderman McDougal made a motion to accept as presented. Alderman Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*
7. Approval of Bid Award to Annalou Campbell to Purchase Two City Maintenance Trucks - *Mayor ProTem Fritch made a motion to accept bid as presented. Alderman Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*
8. Request by Salado Chamber of Commerce to Waive the Fee to Use Pace Park and Waive the No Alcohol Provision in Pace Park for the Annual Art Fair - *Chamber of Commerce President Nicole Stairs reviewed the application, and clarified that one vendor, the Range at Barton House, will be selling beer, wine and cocktails. Mayor ProTem Fritch made a motion to approve the request as written. Alderman Ashe seconded. Motion failed, 4-2 Aldermen McDougal and Alderman Brown voted for, Mayor McCort, Mayor ProTem Fritch and Aldermen Fields and Ashe voting against.*
9. Approval to Change from Conditional Use Permit to a Permitted Permit for Johnny's Outback – *Alderman Brown requested that the motion be tabled pending review and approval by Planning and Zoning.*

**Public Hearing Items:**

10. 2013-2014 Proposed General Fund and Hotel/Motel Budget Ordinance *First Reading* – There have been no changes to the proposed budgets that were filed with the Village Secretary in August. Tim Fleischer and Jennifer McFarlane both spoke on the ad valorem tax rates and how they could be increased to effect revenues.
11. 2013-2014 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate Ordinance *First Reading* – There have been no changes to the proposed budgets that were filed with the Village Secretary in August. See discussion points above.
12. Authorization for Village Administrator to place items on Board of Alderman Meeting  
Agenda - *Mayor ProTem Fritch made a motion that we authorize the Village Administrator to submit agenda items for the Board of Alderman meeting. Alderman McDougal seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Recessed into Executive Session at 8:00pm**

1. Discussion on priorities of City Administrator.

**Reconvened into Regular Session at 8:27pm**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:32pm.**

For copies of all handouts, please contact the Village office at 947-5060.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Murray  
Village Secretary

Danney McCort  
Mayor